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Microstructured Dual Sided Membrane for Tissue Growth and Regeneration

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION PURSUANT TO

35 U.S.C. §121 and 37 C.F.R. §1.142

RECONSIDERATION OF THE REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.143

and

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2003, a Petition to Extend the time for Response for three months from September 9, 2003 to January 9, 2004 is attached hereto. Enclosed please find the Associate Power of Attorney. Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the Claims none.

Amendment to the Drawings none.

Remarks/Arguments begins on page 2 of this paper.

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